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SUBJECT: KC-135 BUILDUP ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. WE SUGGEST REVISION OF THE DRAFT ANSWER TO THE QUESTION:
"IS THE INCREASE OF KC-135 AIRCRAFT AT RAF MILDENHALL TIED TO
THE SPANISH TREATY WHICH REMOVES THE 98TH STRATEGIC WING FROM
SPAIN?

2. ANY SUGGESTION IN THE ANSWER THAT THE MOVE FROM TORREJON
IS BEING MADE TO SUIT THE CONCENIENCE OF THE US AIR FORCE
WILL, IF REPORTED BACK TO SPAIN, QUITE LIKELY PRODUCE QUESTIONS
HERE AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THE SPANISH GOVT'S CLAIM THAT THIS
MOVE REPRESENTED A US CONCESSION TO SPANISH DEMANDS IN THE
BASE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THUS WE WOULD PREFER THAT ONLY A SIMPLE YES BE GIVEN,
ALTERNATIVELY THE FIRST SENTENCE AND THE FIRST CLAUSE OF THE
LAST SENTENCE OF THE DRAFT REPLY (A3) MIGHT BE USED.

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